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My name is Joyce Kleege from Novato California. I would like to send information to you regarding re-districting. I'm not really sure what you want to know so here is my information. Maybe TMI.

I moved to Novato California in 1973, lived in Petaluma before that, and am originally from Nebraska. I moved to Novato because our business was located there at the time.

I understand we might be included in the San Francisco area if the redistricting is done. I would hope that we could be considered to be included in the Sonoma County district. I would think it reflects Novato better than any other Marin or San Francisco community. We are a people of open space, mid western by most standards. Probably more Republicans than other counties. I have owned and operated five different businesses in Novato and Santa Rosa. The Novato Boat Shop Inc. in Novato and Port Sonoma, Welcome Aboard Inc. in Novato, Welcome Aboard Gifts and gear in Novato, Amen Books and Gifts in Novato, and Ben Franklin Crafts in Santa Rosa.

I am finally retired now, and am enjoying living in my home and enjoying my garden, and taking more time for community and church service in Novato. I have found Novato to be a very friendly family oriented community, much more like Sonoma County than any of the other Marin County cities. If we must be lumped together with the other Marin County people so be it. But please do not include us in any of the San Francisco big city area. I love to visit there and do very often, however, I would not like to be represented by anyone from their district politically. We have farms and open space and are happy to keep it so they can visit the wide open spaces we pay for gladly, and want to keep it that way.

Joyce Kleege

Novato California

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